CONCLUSION:

No fees are believed due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and all required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Pennie & Edmonds U.S. Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 1803-335-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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